

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Gail A. Alverson, *et al.*

FILED: Herewith

FOR: **ACCESSING A COLLECTION OF DATA  
ITEMS IN A MULTITHREADED  
ENVIRONMENT (AS AMENDED)**

**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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